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## Corps offers leaders, media update on former missile site

**Wamego, Kan.** – Elected officials and members of the media are invited to an update at 9 a.m. May 29 at the former Forbes Atlas Missile site north of Wamego, Kans. The update will provide attendees a look at the status of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' investigation into ground water contamination at the site.

The site's project manager and technical experts from the Corps' Site Characterization and Analysis Penetrometer (SCAPS) will be available to answer questions.

The missile site is one of nine Atlas" missile sites which were part of the Atlas missile squadron assigned to the former Forbes Air Force Base (now Forbes Field) in Topeka. These sites were operational from approximately 1960 to 1965.

In September 2002, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment detected trichloroethene (TCE), a commonly used industrial chlorinated solvent, at concentrations exceeding federal drinking water standards in groundwater samples from several residences near the missile site. This finding prompted the Corps to respond by providing bottled water to all affected residents until whole-house filtration systems were installed in each home in January 2003. These systems continue to serve as the interim solution until the issue is resolved.

Media and elected officials planning to attend should contact Mitch Frazier at (816) 983-3486 to RSVP for the update.

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### **Note to Aides and Editors:** Directions to Wamego Missile Site

- 70 West to Hwy 99 (Exit 328)
- Hwy 99 North to Wamego, KS (9 miles)
- Hwy 99 becomes Lincoln Avenue in Wamego
- Continue through Wamego
- Turn left onto Hwy 24
- Turn right onto Columbian Road
- Columbian Road becomes Missile Silo Road
- Park outside of fence